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Copies of the NACMBE open meeting minutes will be available to the public upon request.

Dated: November 7, 2012.

**David A. Hinson,**

*National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC355**

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat Oversight Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740; telephone: (774) 634-2000; fax: (774) 634-2001.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will continue to develop options and alternatives for Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2 (OA2). Specifically, the Committee will review Habitat Advisory Panel and Plan Development Team recommendations about Dedicated Habitat Research Areas and gear modification measures, and select options for inclusion in the OA2 document. In addition, the PDT will provide advice on combining management options into alternatives to

meet overall adverse effects minimization requirements. Other area-management options and combined alternatives may also be discussed.

As a reminder, the Habitat Committee's work will feed into a joint process between the Habitat and Groundfish Committees. This joint process will draft combined alternatives that merge habitat options with yet-to-be-developed groundfish productivity-related options. This range of alternatives will be presented to the Council early next year for their approval for analysis in the OA2 Environmental Impact Statement/Magnuson-Stevens Act document.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management staff will provide a brief status update on the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Wind Energy Areas (WEA) where leasing is under consideration, and will solicit feedback on a recently completed Environmental Assessment for the MA WEA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

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**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC356**

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Monkfish Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel in December, 2012 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Providence Biltmore, 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 421-0700; fax: (401) 455-3050.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee and Advisory Panel will continue development of Amendment 6 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan, including modifications to the current system, incorporation of monkfish into groundfish sectors, and/or individually transferable quotas (ITQs). This meeting is a continuation of the discussions at the August 8th joint meeting. The Committee will provide further direction to the Plan Development Team in the development of a range of alternatives to be incorporated into a draft amendment document for consideration by the Councils.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

**SUMMARY:** In addition to a Council Member Visioning Workshop, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee; meetings of its Dolphin Wahoo Committee; Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee; Snapper Grouper Committee; Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee; Personnel Committee (CLOSED SESSION); Executive Finance Committee; and a meeting of the Full Council. The Council will take action as necessary. The Council will also hold an informal public question and answer session regarding agenda items, and a formal public comment session. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held December 3-7, 2012. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel, 301 North Water Street, Wilmington, NC 28401; telephone: (1-888) 324-8170 or (910) 763-5900; fax: (910) 763-0038.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Meeting Dates

1. Council Member Visioning Workshop: December 3, 2012, 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Council members will receive a presentation on the visioning process used by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, discuss the visioning process and provide direction to staff.

2. Joint Meeting of the Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee: December 3, 2012, 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.

The Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee and the Ecosystem-Based Management Committee will meet jointly and will receive a report from the joint meeting of the respective advisory panels as well as a report from the Habitat and Environmental Protection Advisory Panel (AP). The joint committee will receive: an overview on Coral Amendment 7, pertaining to Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs) and transit through the Oculina Bank HAPC; and an update on ecosystem activities. The joint committee will modify Coral Amendment 7 as appropriate and will either recommend an adjustment to the timing of the amendment or recommend the amendment for public hearing.

3. Dolphin Wahoo Committee Meeting: December 3, 2012, 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The Dolphin Wahoo Committee will review Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5, pertaining to bag limit sales of fish and changes to the Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) and the Annual Catch Limit (ACL). The Committee is scheduled to recommend approval of the amendment for the scoping process.

4. SEDAR Committee Meeting: December 3, 2012, 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. (**Note:** A portion of the meeting will be closed).

The SEDAR Committee will receive an activities update as well as a report from the Steering Committee. The Committee will discuss SEDAR schedules, terms of reference (TORs) and SEDAR appointments (closed session).

5. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting: December 4, 2012, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and December 5, 2012, 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

The Snapper Grouper Committee will receive: an update on the status of catches versus quotas for commercial and recreational species under ACLs; an update on the status of amendments under formal review; a report from the Snapper Grouper AP meeting; and a

report from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The Committee will consider an Emergency Action to increase the commercial ACL for vermilion snapper and will receive overviews of the following amendments: Regulatory Amendment 13, regarding adjustments of snapper grouper ACLs based on Marine Recreational Fishing Statistical Survey (MRFSS)/Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) calibration; Regulatory Amendment 15, pertaining to management measures for yellowtail snapper and modifying the Accountability Measure (AM) for gag that currently prohibits the harvest of shallow water grouper species when the gag ACL is met; and Snapper Grouper Amendment 28, addressing framework actions to reopen the red snapper fishery. The Committee will modify these amendments as necessary and is scheduled to recommend approval of these amendments for formal review. The Committee will also receive an overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 27, which addresses management measures for blue runner and would transfer management responsibility of yellowtail snapper, mutton snapper and Nassau grouper from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to the South Atlantic Council. The Committee will modify the amendment as necessary and is scheduled to recommend approval of Amendment 27 for public hearing. The Committee will: discuss the use of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and HAPCs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; receive a presentation on the reorientation of existing MPAs based on occurrence and habitat; and develop guidance on alternatives to be included in Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17, which involves the use of MPAs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper.

6. Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee Meeting: December 5, 2012, 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee will receive presentations on: post-stratification methodology used to arrive at recreational landings estimates; and the results of the demonstration of the quota monitoring system. The Committee will receive a status update on the Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Permit and an overview of Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (CE-BA 3). The Committee will receive guidance on actions and alternatives in CE-BA 3 and is scheduled to recommend approval of the amendment for formal review.